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*Folks – BP is the lead – EPA is overseeing.*

*Thanks*

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A disruption in the refining process resulted in a crude oil discharge from the BP Whiting Refinery's cooling water outfall into Lake Michigan at approximately 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 24. The discharge has stopped, and BP and its response team have deployed boom, containing the oil to a cove located between the refinery's waste water treatment plant and a steel mill.

There have been no injuries, and cleanup activities are underway.

After discovering the discharge, BP notified the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, which were at the refinery Monday evening. BP will continue to work in full cooperation with the agencies to ensure the protection of personnel, the environment and surrounding communities.

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Good morning,

I am a reporter with Reuters. Can you please help me answer the following questions?

How much oil leaked into Lake Michigan from BP's Whiting refinery yesterday and overnight?

Have you determined the cause of the leak?

Is there a sheen on the lake at present? Is the lake frozen? If so, is this helping or hampering your cleanup response?

Is there a downstream risk? Will residents in Chicago be affected by this event?

Does EPA have the lead in the spill response?

What has been your response so far?

I appreciate your help and please reply all to the emails listed above so we can get your email

faster.

Best regards,

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